Cultivation of Medicinal Plants in Rajasthan

4346. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether there is great potential for cultivation of medicinal plants in certain areas of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey so as to ascertain the exact locations where medicinal plants could be grown;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether despite availability of various species of medicinal plants in those areas, there is no infrastructure for marketing of those by products of valuable medicinal plants; and

(e) if so, measure contemplated by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Team of Scientists of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) identified different medicinal plants suitable for growing in different agroclimatic zone of Rajasthan. The details are given in the Statement enclosed. *(See* below).

(d) At present the marketing of medicinal plants is mainly being done through private traders.

(e) To improve the existing situation State Government has recently constituted the Rajasthan State Medicinal Plants Board to look after the marketing as well as other developmental aspects of medicinal plants in the State.

Statement

Zone-wise details of Medicinal Plants identified for cultivation in the State of Rajasthan

Zone No.	Agroclimatic Zone	Crops
1	2	3
Zone la	Arid Western Plain	Senna, Guggal, Aloe
Zone lb	Irrigated North-Western Plain	Safed Musli, Agwagandha, Isabgol
Zone lc	Hyper And partially irrigated western plain	Aloe, Senna
Zone lib	Transitional plains of Luni Basin	Senna, Isabgol, Mehandi
Zone Ilia	Semi Arid Eastern Plain	Senna, Guggal, Aloe
Zone I Va	Subhumid Sothem Plain and Aravalli Hills	Isabgol, Opium Poppy, Aswagandha, Safed Musli.
ZonelVb	Humid Sothem Plain	Opium Poppy, Safed Mush, Lemongrass.
ZoneV	Humid South Eastern Plain	Safed Musli, Lemongrass